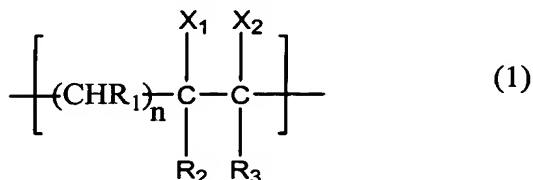


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A polymer comprising mainly structural units represented by the following general formula (1):



(wherein, n stands for an integer of from 2 to 10; X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or a functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group, provided that at least one of X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> represents a hydroxy group or a functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group; R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, an aryl group, an aralkyl group or a heteroaryl group, provided that plural R<sub>1</sub>s may be the same or different), wherein the total molar amount of the terminal aldehyde group and acetal group contained in the polymer is 0.6 mol% or smaller relative to the total molar amount of the structural units represented by the formula (1).

Claim 2 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> each represents a hydroxy group or a functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The polymer according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group is an epoxy group or a hydroxy group protected with a protecting group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The polymer according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group is a functional group selected from the group consisting of an epoxy group, acyloxy groups, alkoxy groups, alkoxycarbonyloxy groups, aryloxy carbonyloxy groups, alkoxyalkyleneoxy groups and siloxy groups.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A process for producing a polymer according to Claim 1, comprising

ring-opening, in the presence of a metal alkylidene complex ~~having~~ comprising a ligand with an imidazolidine structure, a cyclic olefin ~~including~~ comprising at least one cyclic olefin ~~having~~ further comprising a hydroxy group or a functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group, and

hydrogenating a resulting unsaturated polymer to produce the polymer of Claim 1.

Claim 6 (New): The polymer according to Claim 2, wherein the functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group is an epoxy group or a hydroxy group protected with a protecting group.

Claim 7 (New): The polymer according to Claim 2, wherein the functional group that can be converted into a hydroxy group is a functional group selected from the group consisting of an epoxy group, acyloxy groups, alkoxy groups, alkoxycarbonyloxy groups, aryloxy carbonyloxy groups, alkoxyalkyleneoxy groups and siloxy groups.